

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/009839

## Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1-6 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1-8 \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on 02.02.2006 with letter of 31.01.2006
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1/2, 2/2 \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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1.	Statement		
	Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-8</u>	YES
		Claims _____	NO
2.	Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)		
1.	Reference is made to the following documents:		
	D1: US-A-4 173 385 (FENN JOHN W ET AL)		
	6 November 1979 (1979-11-06).		
2.1	Document D1 is the prior art closest to the subject matter of <u>claims 1 and 6</u> . Said document discloses (the references in parentheses are to document D1):		
	a single-pole coaxial cable, comprising		
	a core;		
	a dielectric surrounding the core;		
	an electroconductive shield surrounding the dielectric;		
	a sheath surrounding the shield;		
	a connector with a contact sleeve, one section of the sleeve being in electroconductive contact with the shield, and		
	said contact sleeve being so arranged that the contacting section thereof surrounds the dielectric as well as being surrounded by		
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	<p>the shield, and the inner surface of the dielectric being inserted in such a way that the sheath is also expanded in the region of the first section; and</p> <p>a method for the production of a single-pole coaxial cable of this type by inserting a contact sleeve in an axially parallel direction between the shield and the dielectric.</p> <p>2.2 Thus, the subject matter of <u>claims 1 and 6</u> differs from the known coaxial cable in that the shield of the coaxial cable comprises a braided metal and an electroconductive foil and in that the contact sleeve is connected to the sheath of the coaxial cable by the extrusion of insulating material, not by mechanical means.</p> <p>The subject matter of <u>claims 1 and 6</u> is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).</p> <p>2.3 The problem addressed by the present invention can consequently be regarded as that of devising a secure mechanical connection between a contact sleeve and a single-pole coaxial cable which comprises a shield with a braided metal and an electroconductive foil.</p> <p>2.4 The solution to the above problem, as proposed in <u>claim 1 or 6</u> of the present application, involves</p> <p style="text-align: right;">/...</p>

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an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) since none of the prior art citations describes or mentions connecting a similar single-pole coaxial cable to a contact sleeve in this manner.

- 2.5 Claims 2 to 5, 7 and 8 are dependent on claims 1 or 6, respectively, and thus, likewise, satisfy the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.